

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of document processing comprising:

receiving at a supplier system, via a network, customer request data corresponding to a deliverable print product;

5 initiating task routines in response to selections made from a menu at the supplier system, said tasks routines selected in accordance with determinations made from the customer request data and include selections from a management task routine, an archival task routine, a retrieval task routine, a forms task routine, a scanning task routine, an accounting task routine, a host task routine, a TIFF task routine and a CGM task routine; and

10 initiating a printing task routine in response to a selection from the menu at the supplier system, the printing task routine generating the print product, wherein at least one of said initiating task routines or said initiating said printing task routine comprises initiating for execution at a task system remote from the supplier system.

15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said initiating said printing task routine comprises said initiating for execution at the task system remote from the supplier system, the task system comprising a customer system.

20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said printing task routine comprises a secure printing routine, a virtual printing routine, a tandem printing routine, a cluster printing routine, or a distribution printing routine.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said initiating said task routines includes initiating said distribution printing task routine to provide for initiating said archival task routine, said retrieval task routine, a TIFF printing task routine, a client application task routine, a print shop task routine, or a HTML server task routine.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein said initiating said task routines includes initiating said host task routine to provide for initiating a SCS task routine, a META code task routine, an XES task routine, a line data task routine, a PCL/PS task routine, a VIPP task routine, or an IPDS task routine.

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6. The method of claim 5 wherein said initiating said line data task routine provides for initiating a software task routine, a hardware task routine, or a hardware and software task routine.

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7. The method of claim 6 wherein said initiating said hardware and software task routine provides for initiating a Token Ring task routine, a Coax task routine, or a Twinax task routine.

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8. The method of claim 6 wherein said initiating said software task routine provides for initiating a Unix based task routine, a host based task routine, or a Windows NT based task routine.

9. A storage medium encoded with machine-readable program code for document processing, said program code including instructions for causing a computer to implement a method comprising:

receiving at a supplier system, via a network, customer request data corresponding to a deliverable print product;

initiating task routines in response to selections made from a menu at the supplier system, said tasks routines selected in accordance with determinations made from the customer request data and include selections from a management task routine, an archival task routine, a retrieval task routine, a forms task routine, a scanning task routine, an accounting task routine, a host task routine, a TIFF task routine and a CGM task routine; and

initiating a printing task routine in response to a selection from the menu at the supplier system, the printing task routine generating the print product, wherein at least one of said initiating task routines or said initiating said printing task routine comprises initiating for execution at a task system remote from the supplier system.

10. The storage medium of claim 9 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said printing task routine comprising said initiating for execution at the task system remote from the supplier system, the task system comprising a customer system.

11. The storage medium of claim 9 wherein said method further comprises said printing task routine comprising a secure printing routine, a virtual printing routine, a tandem printing routine, a cluster printing routine, or a distribution printing routine.

12. The storage medium of claim 11 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said task routines including initiating said distribution printing task routine to provide for initiating said archival task routine, said retrieval task routine, a TIFF printing task routine, a client application task routine, a print shop task routine, or a HTML server task routine.

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13. The storage medium of claim 9 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said task routines including initiating said host task routine to provide for initiating a SCS task routine, a META code task routine, an XES task routine, a line data task routine, a PCL/PS task routine, a VIPP task routine, or an IPDS task routine.

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14. The storage medium of claim 13 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said line data task routine to provide for initiating a software task routine, a hardware task routine, or a hardware and software task routine.

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15. The storage medium of claim 14 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said hardware and software task routine to provide for initiating a Token Ring task routine, a Coax task routine, or a Twinax task routine.

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16. The storage medium of claim 14 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said software task routine to provide for initiating a Unix based task routine, a host based task routine, or a Windows NT based task routine.

17. The storage medium of claim 9 located with a system.

18. A data signal propagated over a propagation medium, said data signal encoded with machine-readable program code for document processing, said program code including instructions for causing a computer to implement a method comprising:

receiving at a supplier system, via a network, customer request data corresponding to a deliverable print product;

initiating task routines in response to selections made from a menu at the supplier system, said tasks routines selected in accordance with determinations made from the customer request data and include selections from a management task routine, an archival task routine, a retrieval task routine, a forms task routine, a scanning task routine, an accounting task routine, a host task routine, a TIFF task routine and a CGM task routine; and

initiating a printing task routine in response to a selection from the menu at the supplier system, the printing task routine generating the print product, wherein at least one of said initiating task routines or said initiating said printing task routine comprises initiating for execution at a task system remote from the supplier system.

19. The data signal of claim 18 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said printing task routine comprising said initiating for execution at the task system remote from the supplier system, the task system comprising a customer system.

20. The data signal of claim 18 wherein said method further comprises said printing task routine comprising a secure printing routine, a virtual printing routine, a tandem printing routine, a cluster printing routine, or a distribution printing routine.

21. The data signal of claim 20 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said task routines including initiating said distribution printing task routine to provide for initiating said archival task routine, said retrieval task routine, a TIFF printing task routine, a client application task routine, a print shop task routine, or a HTML server task routine.

22. The data signal of claim 18 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said task routines including initiating said host task routine to provide for initiating a SCS task routine, a META code task routine, an XES task routine, a line data task routine, a PCL/PS task routine, a VIPP task routine, or an IPDS task routine.

23. The data signal of claim 22 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said line data task routine to provide for initiating a software task routine, a hardware task routine, or a hardware and software task routine.

24. The data signal of claim 23 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said hardware and software task routine to provide for initiating a Token Ring task routine, a Coax task routine, or a Twinax task routine.

25. The data signal of claim 23 wherein said method further comprises said initiating said software task routine to provide for initiating a Unix based task routine, a host based task routine, or a Windows NT based task routine.